(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) TRAI has not submitted its recommendation.

Post offices functioning in rented buildings

468. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to allot fund for constructing building for post offices in the land lying vacant under the respective authority;

(b) if so, the details including the fund earmarked for the above and the number of post offices functioning in rented buildings for the last five years, year-wise and State-wise;, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of rupees 49.15 crores was spent on 'Construction of Post Offices' during the 10th Five Year Plan. An amount of rupees 15.55 crores has been earmarked for the year 2007-08 for construction of post offices.

The information regarding number of post offices functioning in rented buildings for the last five years, year-wise and State-wise is being collected from the field units and will be laid on the Table of the House

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Formulation of national sports policy

469. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any sports policy at national level on the lines of China and Japan;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to ascertain reasons for, poor performance of India in Sports at international level; and

(c) whether Sports Authority of India (SAI) is responsible for the poor performance of India to some extent?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The Ministry has formulated a draft comprehensive National Sports Policy and posted it on its Website on 26 July, 2007. The draft will be finalized after consultation with all major stakeholders. The draft policy takes into account the best international practices for the comprehensive development of sports, keeping our requirements in mind.

(b) While it is a fact that there is considerable room for improvement on the standard of sports in the country, the fact is that the performance of Indian